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Sir:

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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Copies of the references are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-5**.

1. Broeks, A. et al., ATM Germline Mutations in Classical Ataxia-Telangiectasia Patients in the Dutch Population, Human Mutation, Vol. 12, pages 330-337 (1998) (**Exhibit 1**);
2. Izatt, L. et al., Identification of Germline Missense Mutations are Rare Allelic Variants in the ATM Gene in Early-Onset Breast Cancer, Genes, Chromosomes & Cancer, Vol. 26, pages 286-294 (1999) (**Exhibit 2**);
3. Sandoval, N. et al., Characterization of ATM Gene Mutations in 66 Ataxia-Telangiectasia Families, Human Molecular Genetics, Vol. 8, No. 1, pages 69-79 (1999) (**Exhibit 3**);
4. Sasaki, T. et al., ATM Mutations in Patients with Ataxia Telangiectasia Screened by a Hierarchical Strategy, Human

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Mutation, Vol. 12, Pages 186-195 (1998) (**Exhibit 4**);

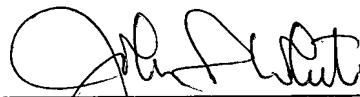
5. Vorechovsky, I. et al., The ATM Gene and Susceptibility to Breast Cancer: Analysis of 38 Breast Tumors Reveals No Evidence for Mutation, Cancer Research, Vol. 56, pages 2726-2732 (June 15, 1996) (**Exhibit 5**).

The above listed references were cited in a search report issued in connection with an international counterpart of the subject application. A copy of the search report is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

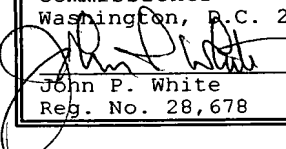
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